

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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REMARKS

Claims 26-30 were canceled, no claims were added, and no claims were amended..
Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

Election/Restriction Response

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 9, 2005, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I which includes claims 1-25. Applicants respectfully cancels remaining claims 26-30 (Group II) without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce the non-elected claims in a divisional application at a later date.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6970 to facilitate the prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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